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UK EMBASSY OFFICER SEPTEMBER 5 ALSO GAVE US INDICATION OF SOME "PROGRESS" IN MEETING OF EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS, BUT CAUTIONED US NOT TO GET OUR HOPES UP. HE SAID FRENCH SEEMED SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE AND APPEARED ANXIOUS NOT TO BE ISOLATED AMONG THE NINE ON THE QUESTION OF US-EC RELATIONS. IN PARTICULAR, SHOULD FOR SOME REASON THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED TRIP TO EUROPE NOT TAKE PLACE IN 1973, THE FRENCH WOULD NOT WISH TO BE SEEN AS RESPONSIBLE. UK EMBOFF THOUGHT COMPROMISE SOLUTION MIGHT EMERGE FROM COPENHAGEN MEETING WHICH WOULD INCLUDE INVITATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO VISIT EUROPE IN THE FALL, BUT WHICH WOULD MEET FRENCH OBJECTIONS RE LINKING SECURITY, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC ISSUES BY PROPOSING THAT SECURITY-RELATED MATTERS DISCUSSED IN NATO BE CLEARLY SEPARATE FROM ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS IN EC CONTEXT.

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